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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Applicant : Frank Check  
Application Serial No.: 10/730,874  
Filing Date: : December 9, 2003  
Title: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING AND  
CORRECTING MODE SWITCHING IN DIFFRACTIVE-  
BASED LASER SCANNING SYSTEMS  
Examiner : Que Tan Le  
Group Art Unit : 2878  
Attorney Docket No. : 108-028USANA0

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312(a)**

SIR:

Prior to payment of Issue Fee in the present Application, please amend the same as follows: